[Translation]

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (Patiala) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to state that the people of Punjab, leaving their houses and shops, have come to the roads in protest. They are agitating over the price-hike in petroleum products. The price-hike has cast its maximum effect on Punjab because the people of Punjab have one third of the total number of tractors in the country and there are around nine lakh tube wells which consume diesel. Therefore, the people of Punjab have been badly affected and are compelled to bear the burden of price-hike. Therefore, barring the Congress and Janata Dal, people belonging to all the parties in the entire State have staged Dharna before the office of Deputy Commissioner today. I am sorry to say that the hon. Ministers of this Government are confused and they have also confused the people. We became very happy when the Statement of the hon. Home Minister came but we became amazed when the said statement was withdrawn ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (South Delhi) Punjab is the food supplier State of the entire country.

Today, people of the State are agitated over the price hike in petroleum products and so, they are resorting to 'Bandh'...*(Interruptions)*. This Government has presented its first gift to the farmers of the country by increasing prices of diesel and petrol due to which today agitations are being resorted to in Punjab . .*(Interruptions)* Bandh is being organised

[English]

MR SPEAKER I think you have made your point. Why do you not allow other Members to speak

[Translation]

DR SATYANARAYAN JATIA (Ujjain) Mr Speaker, Sir, I have to inform the House with a heavy heart that today in morning at 5 a m. when a number rot people were going to have 'Darshan' of Mahakal in Ujjain a stampede was caused which resulted into the spot death of 48 people there

The incident took place in the morning when 'Arti a daily affair, was to be performed A senior officer came for 'Darshan' through a VIP Gate At that time, as there was no arrangement of police etc to check entry of the people, the entire crowd rushed inside the temple which caused chaos and as a result 48 people were killed on the spot and hundreds were wounded This accident took place at Mahakal temple in Ujjain Madhya Pradesh where hundreds of people come everyday for 'Darshan'

Inspite of such a tragic accident, nobody has paid attention towards it. In fact, this accident took place due to mismanagement of police and administration. I would like to demand, through you, the Government to provide Rs. two lakh each to the families of the deceased and an amount of appropriate compensation to the persons wounded in the incident. Besides appropriate action should be taken against the officers responsible for this mismanagement. The guilty officers should be suspended and an enquiry be conducted in this regard The affected persons should be provided economic assistance immediately. I would like to demand that the Government should make a statement on this accident.. *(Interruptions)*

DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI (Machhalishahar) Mr Speaker, Sir, my Parliamentary Constituency, Machhalishahar is at present in the grip of a 'Human hyena' which lifts the children frequently and has so far killed atleast 25 children People of the area have staged 'Dharna' and resorted to demonstration several times. So far, three police jeeps and three buses have been set afire Three rifles have been snatched and one revolver is missing Two wireless sets also have been snatched Many persons have been put in jails The day before yesterday, in an accident which took place at Rajapur village under the jurisdiction of Sujanganj police station While lifting the child of a Bangladeshi woman, the said 'human hyena' had lifted a four year old child of 'Kahar' whose stomach was cut with the help of a knife afterward. Children of the area are being kidnapped frequently and killed mercilessly in the name of this human hyena

I would like to urge upon the Government to conduct a CBI enquiry in this regard so that the facts could be made public and the culprits could be identified As per the information given by the people, some persons covering their faces with black cloth lift away the children and there after cut their stomach with the help of a knife. Local administration and the police are not ready to listen to anything in this regard Not only that, after the incident, police and the administration are misguiding the people by killing a hyena and saying that this hyena is responsible for the incident but the people are not ready to believe this People do not come out of their houses after 7 p.m I demand for immediate solution of the problem and that the entire matter should be handed over to CBI Shri D B Rai had also raised the same issue in the House oh last 12th June *(Interruptions)*

SHRI K D SULTANPURI (Shimla) Mr Speaker, Sir, due to heavy rains in Himachal Pradesh in this rainy season, crops in most of the hilly areas have been badly damaged and most of the crops have